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Special Notice of Band Concert

For the twelfth successive year our Band will give its annual spring concert in historic Faneuil Hall, in Boston, on Sunday April 25, in the afternoon, at two o'clock. We are anxious that you attend this concert and join with hundreds of others in a program of entertaining music.

Admission to the concert will be by invitation cards only and these may be had by addressing a note to the Headmaster of the School, stating how many invitations you wish.

May we add that the Band will appreciate any small contributions you may wish to make towards the expenses of this concert. The boys also look forward to participating in the New England and Massachusetts School Music Festivals in May and your gifts to the Band will make these most worth-while activities possible.

We had a fine audience last year and the music was much enjoyed. This year we hope to have even a larger audience at Faneuil Hall and we assure our friends that the concert on April 25 will be fully as enjoyable as those of other years.

The Easter Concert

A deeply moving religious play entitled "Thy Son Liveth" was enacted by a cast of five boys as a feature of our Easter

Concert on Easter Sunday, March 28. This deeply moving spiritual play was very well enacted and showed the result of much painstaking work at rehearsals, which took three weeks. The question of immortality, always uppermost in the minds of Christians at the Easter season, was the high point of the play. All of those taking part were dressed in traditional, colorful Eastern costumes as were worn in the days of Christ. The Chapel was simply, yet effectively, decorated for the occasion.

The opening and closing messages of the program were given by Mr. David Page, who is our minister this year. Special music was furnished by the choir and brass quartette.

The complete program follows:

PROGRAM

HYMN—Crown Him With Many Crowns
Congregation

INVOCATION

Mr. David Page

BRASS QUARTETTE—He Lives

Harold D. Lowery, Jr., First Cornet
William T. Warfield, Second Cornet
Ralph L. Gale, Trombone
Stephen J. Zevitas, Baritone

SONG—There is a Green Hill Far Away
Choir

BRASS QUARTETTE—Easter Hymn

HYMN—I Know My Redeemer Liveth
Choir

PLAY—Thy Son Liveth

SONG—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Congregation

BENEDICTION

Mr. Page

"THY SON LIVETH"

A Religious Play by Maryann Manly

THE CAST

THE SADDUCEE	Robert L. Burton
THE GREEK	Samuel B. Whiting
THE BOY	Thurmond Hood, Jr.
THE OLD WOMAN	Richard P. Allen
THE WAYFARER	Edward J. Collins, Jr.

THE STORY OF THE PLAY

Two men are confronted with the same choice. The Rich Young Ruler rejects his opportunity and goes through life unsatisfied; Zacchaeus, a man of poorer endowments originally, accepts Jesus' challenge, and the grace of God works its natural results with his character. Gradually the story gathers itself around the question of immortality and the Sadducee's closing line is a song of triumph. "God, give me faith to know—there is no death!"

CHOIR ROSTER

Walter E. Callaway	Richard E. McPhee
Hans M. Christensen	David P. Tangen
Roger A. Hopkins	George H. Tangen, Jr.
Paul W. Horton	William T. Warfield
William E. Kellaway	Stephen J. Zevitas
Harold D. Lowery, Jr.	

The Band Hall

Every Sunday morning all of us have some little job to do right after breakfast. Often my job is to clean the Band Hall. Another boy and I first open the windows and then put the music stands on one side of the room. Then we move the chairs to that side, also the leader's platform. We sweep one half of the room and move things back. Then we do the other part. The chairs and music stands are then put in place and the windows closed. When

we have finished the Band Hall looks very nice. It takes about a half hour to do the job.

Eldon J. Lundin

Robins

Last December I found a robin's nest which to me and some of the other boys was very interesting. It is constructed of grass mostly, but on the inside of the nest there is string. Robins like to make their nests in maple trees. Anyway, I've noticed that there are more such nests in these beautiful trees than in other kinds. Now that the warmer weather is beginning the robins are beginning to migrate to our region once more. We'll be noticing them build their nests in the maple trees around our dormitory. They are industrious, happy birds and not at all like the blue jays who simply steal any nest they find for their own. Everyone should be happy to have beautiful birds as the robins in their locality, especially in the morning for it is pleasant to hear the friendly singing. We have lots of them at the School, and much can be learned just by watching them. They are certainly very clever.

John P. Richardson

Baby Chicks

Baby chicks are very cute just after they hatch. We have a large electric incubator in our poultry house and I've watched the poultry boys care for the chicks. When they are just hatched they are wet but they soon dry off. It takes twenty-one days for the eggs to hatch. The chicks are put in paper cartons for a day and then put into pens in the brooder house. As the chicks grow, partitions are moved making the pens a little larger. The chicks are busy chirping and scratching for their grain.

Joseph J. Magazu

They Deserve a Cheer

This year F. T. S. has developed another winning team. As the basketball season draws to a close we note that the team has a real good record of five wins and two losses. Coach Raymond Thomas, with continual practice brought the varsity, captained by Sheridan "Red" Higgins, on top again even though the schedule was a bit harder than in other years.

The usual good spirit and calmness of the squad during the games, even though at the moment they were behind, showed well. "Red" Higgins' snappy ball handling and keen shooting eye enthused many a spectator and teammate.

Kenny Duquet and Dick McPhee at forwards sparkled with every play. Harry Lowery held up the other guard slot with "Red" Higgins. Ernie Parsons at center was invaluable.

The second team, which kept many a first stringer on the hop to hold his position, consisted of Ted Warfield and Paul Horton at guards, Bob Lucien and Nelson Stearns at forwards and big Larry Finn at center.

The boys played in the small school tournament held in Malden and although losing to a better Groveland High team, they made a most creditable showing.

For the good fight, spirit and game play of the 1948 basketball varsity team let's give the boys a big cheer—they deserve it.

Stephen J. Zevitas

Honor Roll — Winter Term

The highest academic averages in each class group

Junior Class

William T. Warfield
Stephen J. Zevitas

Sophomore Class

S. Brooks Whiting
Paul W. Horton
Richard E. McPhee

Freshman Class

Malcom C. Wiley
Ernest L. Parsons

Eighth Grade Division A

Richard G. Burton
Vernon R. Lincoln

Eighth Grade Division B

David B. Furbish
Edwin W. Gray

Seventh Grade

John P. Richardson
Donald W. Heslinga

Sixth Grade

Ralph F. Hopkins
Joseph J. Magazu

Best Citizenship

The best general conduct and effort
in each class group

Junior Class

Stephen J. Zevitas
Harold D. Lowery

Sophomore Class

Paul W. Horton
Robert M. Davenport

Freshman Class

Leonard C. Souza
Robert E. Lucien

Eighth Grade Division A

Theodore L. Jones
Richard P. Allen

Eighth Grade Division B

John W. Badger
Wayne D. Sutor

Seventh Grade

John P. Richardson
Lewis A. Hester

Sixth Grade

Samuel W. Wood
Joseph J. Magazu

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Talk about war may be harmful but we should be alert to world affairs and use every feasible means of averting another world conflagration. We in this country certainly do not wish to be involved in another war. Russia seems to be determined to rule the countries of Europe and it appears likely that her plan of expansion will not be satisfied until she has finally included the world or is stopped before she attains her ambition.

It is difficult to understand why the people of a nation as large and as full of natural resources as Russia should strive to dominate other areas. However, if it is going to be necessary for us to defend our land and way of life against destructive aggression we better be getting prepared.

Preparation is expensive, so is insurance, fire and police protection, government operation, hospital, medical and dental service. If we are well prepared to meet an emergency possibly Russia will curb her ambitions of world expansion, if not, we will be in a better defensive position than at present. God forbid another war and somehow persuade Russia to look after Russia only.

Our School is vitally interested in this problem, essentially because our boys must be involved in any war-like developments. Our boys did outstandingly well in the last war and our boys have taken their places in every American military move since 1833. We continue to mourn our losses and pray that we shall not again have to suffer war losses.

Boston Rotary Club Basketball Award

Dover High School won the basketball tournament noted in this column last month. At their Assembly, Thursday March 25, William M. Meacham, representing the Boston Rotary Club made the presentation. He said:

"I feel especially honored on this occasion to be selected as the representative of the Rotary Club of Boston, consisting

of over 380 leading business and professional men, to perform the important function of presenting this trophy to the champions in the recent basket ball tournament.

"The Rotary Club of Boston ever since its inception in 1909, has been actively interested in youth. This Rotary Club every year sponsors several youth projects and has actually helped thousands of boys and young men to develop their talents and enjoy the good things of our American way of life. Our Club has just received a citation from the President of Rotary International for outstanding achievement during the past year, principally in behalf of young people.

"This trophy, awarded by the Rotary Club of Boston, represents not only our faith and hopes in you boys and girls of Dover High School but also shows that we believe all of you are devoting yourselves to the enjoyable task of acquiring an education so that you may give to your families, your community and your country that standard of life exemplified by the Rotary motto, 'Service Above Self.'

"More specifically, this trophy is awarded to the Basket Ball Team of Dover High School by the Rotary Club of Boston as a tribute to the champions of the Eastern Massachusetts Class D tournament of 1948. It is my understanding of the rules that you will hold this trophy one year and that it will then be handed on to the successful team in this division next year, properly inscribed even as your name and year are inscribed thereon now. Next year if my own school, The Farm and Trades School, which is in the same class of this school tournament, cannot win the trophy I sincerely hope you will continue to hold it. *Congratulations and good luck!*"

Topics in Brief

Our Easter Concert was held on Easter Sunday, March 28. Music was given by the choir and brass quartette and the lovely Easter hymns were rendered with the reverence and joy of the Easter season. A religious play, "Thy Son Liveth" by Maryann Manly, was enacted by five boys and this simple, quiet, powerful play portrayed the challenge of life over death which all of us must accept. Credit for the excellent results achieved is certainly due those who had a part in the concert.

Our basketball varsity squad has had the opportunity of attending three of the more important championship basketball games played in the Boston Garden during the winter season. It goes without saying that these trips have been very much enjoyed and the play of top-notch teams will add to the interest and skill of the game here.

The annual auction, held by the graduating class, took place on March 15. At this time any unwanted items were placed on sale to the highest bidder. The proceeds are used by the class for the expenses of the class banquet. The auction always provides ample funds for the class needs and has gradually become practically a tradition here. Everything from marbles to overcoats are sold and there are always some really good things donated by the instructors to help the cause.

Our intra-mural league for the Crosby shield and trophies ended on March 10. The championship team in this league was the Wolverines, captained by Burleigh M. Pratt. The Wildcats, captained by Ramsey G. Porter was runner up. The other two teams tied for third place. They

were the Bears, Malcolm C. Wiley, captain, and the Panthers led by Robert W. Hatch. The leading scorers were Robert G. Carpenter, 105 points, Jon F. Hines, 82 points, Malcolm C. Wiley, 79 points, and Burleigh M. Pratt with 70 points. Each team played one game weekly for nine weeks to determine the champion and it was a season of great interest.

Through the kindness of Mr. Fred Foye, school sports editor of the Boston Traveler, our boys had the opportunity of seeing a first-rate sport movie hour on April 5. These sport films are used extensively by Mr. Foye in his work and showed very careful judgment in the selection of topics. Outstanding scenes from every major field of sport were included in this really good movie attraction. We thank Mr. Foye for loaning us this film.

The week of March 28 was Spring vacation week and the boys enjoyed the temporary intermission of classes. Some, who had achieved the best general conduct and effort ranks, and who wished to, spent much of the week at home. Classes resumed on April 5.

Spring is a busy season at our School and everyone has a full share of the work to be done. "Spring Cleaning" isn't just a saying with us. There is much work to be done inside the buildings and of course our expansive lawns, gravelled areas, flower beds, athletic fields and other show places need much attention following the winter weather. The farm, of course, is tremendously busy and the work there has progressed day by day in keeping with the season and results which must be attained. All of this work is done by the boys, with expert supervision and teaching, and is invaluable training to our students.

Headmaster William M. Meacham, Coach Raymond Thomas and Captain Stephen Zevitas of the football team, featured the weekly radio program "Schoolboy Sports in Review" on the broadcast Saturday evening April 3. Representatives from our school were invited because of the outstanding work of the football team last fall. A great many questions were asked and much information about our school given to the radio audience. Mr. Fred Foye did a very fine job in arranging the script so as to present F.T.S. in a most interesting, informative manner.

Much has been accomplished during the month in cleaning and pruning some of our lovely shade trees. The hedges and small shrubbery have also been given attention. Although there is yet much to do we have made a good start.



The 1948 potato crop will be planted soon and we hope to equal last year's result. Eldon J. Lundin, Robert V. Atkins and David P. Tangen are shown exhibiting 1947 F. T. S. grown potatoes.

Basketball enthuses our younger boys during the winter months and for them a special league is formed. A perpetual silver cup is awarded the championship quintet in the four team league. The cup this year was won by the Coconuts team, Vernon Lincoln, captain. The Nut League is so named, because each of the teams adopts the name of a favorite nut. The teams in the league this season were the Coconuts, Chestnuts, Beechnuts and Peanuts. Eighteen games were played to determine the championship team.

Through wartime experiences and later experiments the worth of rather amazing pest control insecticides has been established. The use of these pest destroyers has been amply proven to be valuable in every way. To use these insecticides most effectively our School has invested in an Aero Mist sprayer, manufactured by the Lawrence Sprayer Company of Greenfield, Massachusetts. This machine offers what is regarded by experts as the most efficient means for combating destructive and dangerous pests. Gypsy moths, Japanese beetles, elm leaf beetles, flies, mosquitoes and other pests common to our locality may now be fought with this highly approved, modern economical pest control sprayer. Without doubt our agricultural crops, fruit orchards and shade trees will benefit noticeably from the use of modern, tested insecticides as sprayed from the Aero Mist.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, March 1858

Aa kept by the Superintendent

2. Went to the city with my report for the past month. Got leather and other materials for mending boots.

9. Cold and blustering. Quite a little incident occurred in the gunning line, five ducks being shot by brother John at one shot.

12. John H. Armstrong fell from the beams in the barn, a distance of fifteen feet striking on the bare floor, and injuring his wrist, elbow, and head. I dressed his wounds in cold water and he is doing well.

The Printing Office

I am in the seventh grade and have printing at 1:15 P.M. I have learned to set type and have set articles like this for the BEACON. In setting type we first learn where the type characters are located in the case. In the lower case there are 54 separate compartments so you see it isn't too easy to learn. Besides setting type I've learned how to feed the press, fold and do other jobs about the printing office. One thing I've noticed and that is that no matter how carefully a printed job is done, if there is one letter wrong in it, everyone sees it. So in printing we learn to be very careful not to make mistakes.

Roger A. Hopkins

Additional Alumni Notes

WALTER H. JOHANSSON, '42 is attending Massachusetts State College at Ayer, Mass., studying the pre-medical course. His home address is 95 Belvidere Street, Boston Mass.

DAVID G. HAEGER '42 is another of our graduates who is attending college under the G.I. Bill of Rights. He is at the Massachusetts State College majoring in Business Administration. His home is at Branchville Road, Ridgefield, Conn.

HENRY P. HOLMES, '16, who for a long time has been employed as an engineer, writes that his present address is Sweet Hill Road, Plaistow, N. H.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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CHARLES W. MATTHEWS, '87, died at his home in Braintree on March 8. Funeral services were held on March 10.

Mr. Matthews had been ill for about two months. Born in Boston, he lived in Braintree about 52 years and was formerly proprietor of a grocery business in East Braintree. Later he became meat inspector for the town of Braintree.

He was a member of Delta Lodge, and past master of the Braintree Grange.

We shall miss him at our Alumni meetings, for in spite of failing health, he was an enthusiastic member of the Association and retained a deep interest in our School.

ALAN P. STEWART '42, writes an interesting letter concerning his present activities and including news of his F. T. S. classmates. From his home he can see Thompson's Island clearly and he enjoys this. He is attending Fitchburg State Teachers College, majoring in Industrial Arts. This course includes woodshops, metal shops, engineering drawing, electrical shops, printing shops and shop management. Of course the usual academic work is pursued. He adds that his F. T. S. training is of great value in his college work. He adds a word of praise for the government laws providing educational opportunities for ex-service men for without this he would not have the opportunity he is enjoying for this advanced education.

KENNETH JAMES, '31, writes a fine account of his family, work and hobbies. He has been married for eleven years and has two sons, Richard, seven years and

Robert, three. Since graduating seventeen years ago he has lived in Melrose and adds that he couldn't ask for a better town in which to live.

Following his school work at F. T. S. he attended Wentworth Institute, graduating in 1933. For nearly seven years he has been employed by the Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., manufacturers of a long line of electrical goods. At present he is located at the Salem Mechanical Development Plant on Loring Ave., in historic Salem. He began as a draftsman and is now a machine designer.

For three years he was a member of the Massachusetts State Guard, and when his company was disbanded in January, 1947, he held the rank of Sergeant.

He lives at 135 Lynde Street, Melrose 76, Mass., and is one of our many graduates who live in that city.

REV. GEORGE W. RUSSELL, '85, was one of the first to work at the printing trade at the School. He has spent a lifetime as a Baptist minister in Vermont. Even though he graduated from here 63 years ago he still retains a deep and lasting interest in the School and in the Alumni Association. His address is Fairfax, Vermont.

ARTHUR B. STILPHEN writes that with the coming of Spring he hopes to be called back to duty with the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. This winter he has been doing lumbering work in Maine. His address is 10 Farrin Street, Bath, Maine.